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### **Swinging/Singing Tea Party**

The first official function for the new Chairman of Ripponden Parish Council, Cllr Jayne Smith, was attendance at the Barkisland Old Peoples' Annual Tea Party on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

This year's Tea Party theme was Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the venue, Barkisland Junior and Infants' School hall, was suitably decorated with red, white and blue Union flags and table decorations surmounted by a large portrait of the monarch.

Cllr Jayne Smith, the Parish Council Chairman was accompanied by her consort, Cllr Melvyn Smith JP and an excellent tea was enjoyed by 45 local senior residents followed by entertainment from musician John Wilson who led the group in singing and dancing.

Said Cllr Smith, "It is always a pleasure to support this Tea Party and it made for a delightful start to this Civic Year. The singing led by organist John Wilson was greatly enjoyed and to see, and hear, such accomplished audience participation in the Queen's birthday celebrations was a credit to this community organisation".

As a gesture of thanks for attending the Committee presented Cllr Smith with a red and white floral display of roses, carnations and chrysanthemums.



(Picture Caption Left to Right)

Rose Williamson, Margaret Bottomley, Ripponden Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Jayne Smith, Consort Cllr Melvyn Smith JP, Gloria Booth, Kathleen Hay.

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